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MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE ABSTRACTS OF UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

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1. Bulgarian Attempt to Place Large Order for Serums and Vaccines.

[redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

ANALYST'S COMMENT: Bulgaria is almost completely dependent on outside sources for biological preparations. Locally produced cholera, typhoid, rabies, and plague vaccine apparently are available in some quantities, but the output would probably be insufficient in case of an extensive outbreak. Neither cholera nor plague is endemic in Bulgaria, nor have epidemics of these diseases been reported. Therefore, an attempt to obtain additional supplies of these biological products appears to be for the immunization of military personnel who might be expected to serve outside of Bulgaria.

2. Soviet Zone of Germany Activating Ten Mobile Hospitals; Delivery of 500 Ambulances Requested.

[redacted] A total of ten mobile hospitals are to be activated [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

In addition, delivery of 500 ambulances has been requested, each having four stretchers.

ANALYST'S COMMENT: [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

The large number of four-stretcher ambulances (civilian types have a one or two-stretcher capacity, whereas military types have a four-stretcher capacity) appears to be far in excess of normal civilian needs. Communicable disease and other health conditions have been

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2. Soviet Zone of Germany Activating Ten Mobile Hospitals; Delivery of 500 Ambulances Requested (Cont'd).

adequately handled from 1946 to the present time with such hospital and ambulance facilities as have been and are present in Germany. Therefore, the need for these ambulances and ten complete mobile hospital units is inconsistent with normal civilian needs. Even if they were to replace every old ambulance in the Soviet Zone with a new one, the number ordered is in excess of these needs.

[redacted]

3. Yugoslav People and Army Suffering Disease and Starvation.

[redacted] FBIS No. 145, Bucharest USSR and EE 20 July 51 (Rec'd 20 Aug 51) [redacted] (Broadcast from Bucharest in Serbo-Croat to Europe). Yugoslav workers are prey to starvation and disease due to regime policy of subservience to Anglo-Americans. Diseases rampant are paratyphoid (especially in Bosnia-Hercegovina), trachoma; influenza (especially at Hrastnik mine), tuberculosis and syphilis. The health of the Yugoslav Army is very bad since units have been taken over by American billionaires for forced labor on strategic projects.

(b)(1)
(b)(3)
(b)(3)

ANALYST'S COMMENT [redacted] This broadcast, beamed to Yugoslavia from Rumania, seems designed to foster discontent and revolt against Tito regime. Since the above diseases are endemic in the area, and therefore not new, the mention of them in this context may indicate that the broadcast is intended as a psychological "softening-up" process of the Yugoslav people. See C/L item from FBIS No. 155, 3 Aug 51 (USSR & EE) for similar broadcast from Albania.

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